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What's in store for the Musée Mécanique

Early this fall, the Musée Mécanique will move from its current premises while the Cliff House undergoes renovation. This renovation is a long awaited project (<http://www.nps.gov/goga/clho/project/index.html>), envisioned in the original 1980 General Management Plan for Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

GGNRA is looking at several options for temporary placement of the Musée during the renovation. The park is very aware of the Musée's needs and is working with them to find an appropriate interim solution. There have been very productive meetings with the owner of the Musée Mécanique, and a number of locations have been considered for the Musée's temporary home. Among the possible locations are Pier 45, Pier 39 and the ferryboat Eureka at San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park. We are hopeful that a final decision on the interim location will be announced soon.

GGNRA's long term plan is to relocate both the Musée Mécanique and the Cliff House Visitor Center to a new facility planned for the Merrie Way parking lot east of the Sutro Baths (<http://www.nps.gov/goga/clho/project/background/map.html>). Proposed plans for the visitor center call for a museum that will include Musée Mécanique, restrooms, and a small café, all elements of the 1993 Sutro District Comprehensive Design and Environmental Assessment. The new visitor center will greatly improve access to the Musée, increase its visibility, improve visitor safety, and provide an enhanced and secure space for the many wonderful machines of the Musée.

The Musée Mécanique has been a GGNRA park partner for over 25 years. As partners we are striving to resolve the details for both an interim and a long term arrangement that is amenable to everyone.

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